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I mean by having them? I explained and then asked if the order for them was to be countermanded. The "Nò" in reply was given in an ordinary tone of voice. I returned to my work only to be summoned again, this time to the linen closet, where he yelled at me: "Don't you know the linen closet is no place for a wheeled chair?" It was a new one, and looking up from my writing one day when a patient was occupying it, I noticed one side sagged. On investigating, I found a nut was missing and the property steward, when asked for another, had none of that size, but would get one as soon as he could. In the meantime to save the chair from being badly broken, I had locked it up in the linen closet. "Shall I put it back in the ward?" Again the negative was mildly spoken. Another time he stalked into the ward and violently stormed at me for several minutes. It seems he had notified Miss (Dr.)—— to give an order to the head nurses and she had failed to do so in my case, and never having received or even heard of it, I had not carried it out.

A nurse on the surgical ward told me this commanding officer would sometimes walk into the ward and, beaming on the nurses, announce he had come to apologize for all the swearing at them he had done up to date.

I heard quite a number who had served in the East say they had encountered only one gentleman among the army surgeons, and in every instance the same captain doctor was the exception.

There is a certain arrogance about some of the army officials and an attitude towards the people in general of "Thou hast made us lords and canst not put us down," which is most unfortunate.

Many war nurses, accustomed to the methods which obtain in civil hospitals, could not but be unfavorably impressed with the lack of common sense, the oftentimes exasperating red-tape, and the want of courtesy on the part of the surgeons, which they found in army hospitals.

I do not wish to convey the impression that the army service should be shunned, for there is very much to recommend it. I am only trying to give what seemed to me an explanation of the nurses' apparent apathy.

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[The condition described by Miss Hudson existed she says about the first of May, 1899. Do they exist to-day? is the important question. Secretary Taft's letter to the legislature asking for discontinuance of contract Surgeons and for improvements in the medical service will be followed with interest by nurses who have served in the army.—Ed.]

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#### TO NEW YORK NURSES

THE nurses who ordered photographs at the Niagara Falls meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association and who have not received them, are requested to communicate with Mrs. Gustin Welch, 723 Main Street, Niagara Falls.